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LB 876

SENATOR COORDSEN: Well, I'm sure that was good. (Laughter) Is there...there is nothing else on the committee amendments. Senator Brashear, did you wish to close?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I would urge the adoption of the committee amendments and the advancement of the bill. Thank you for your patience.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you. You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the Judiciary Committee amendments to LB 876. Those in favor please vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Anything...the committee amendments are adopted. Anything further on the bill?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Brashear would move to amend with AM3545. (Legislative Journal pages 1452-1453.)

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Brashear, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, this amendment is going to be withdrawn as I'm going to explain, but let me proceed. I'll try to be as brief as possible. This amendment would institute or assess a court fee of \$3 to cases filed in juvenile, district, county...juvenile court, district court, county courts, and in cases that are appealed from those courts. This fee would be remitted to the Court Automation and Training Fund, which is also created by this amendment. The purpose of the fund is to pay for costs of court automation, specifically the maintenance of the court's JUSTICE program--a computer program that is used by all of the courts across the state. The fund will also be used to pay for costs involved in training court staff and employees. This amendment is related to LB 876 as court staff will need some training in order to establish the notice pleading system and documents as a part of the JUSTICE software, and will require programming changes to